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Applicant : Shigeaki Kato et al.
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

In reply to the non-final action mailed January 10, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 6 pages.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time along with the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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